

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 4, 2005. Therein the Examiner indicated that the above-captioned application contains four different inventions and required an election of the invention to be examined. The four different inventions were defined by:

Group I, claims 1-10 and 20, drawn to an isolated recombinant polynucleotide;

Group II, claims 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17, drawn to a host cell and expression system for chimeric/modified protein;

Group III, claims 11, 13, and 19, drawn to a chimeric/modified/hybrid PKS;

Group IV, claim 18, is drawn to an isolated polypeptide

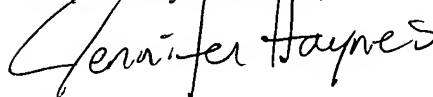
In response to this Requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-10 and 20, drawn to an isolated recombinant polynucleotide. The election is made without traverse. Claims 11 and 12 have been amended to depend from claim 1 and therefore applicants believe that they are properly included in group 1. As a result of the election, Claims 13-19 have been withdrawn. Thus, Claims 1-12 and 20 are presented for further examination. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the withdrawn claims in one or more related applications.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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